

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

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EMERGENCY VEHICLE DRIVER TRAINING

1.0 REFERENCES:

- 1.1 DCMR, *District of Columbia Municipal Regulations*.
- 1.2 NFPA 1500, *Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety, Health, and Wellness Program (2018)*.
- 1.3 NFPA 1451, *Standard for a Fire and Emergency Service Vehicle Operations Training Program (2018)*.
- 1.4 NFPA 1002, *Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications (2017)*.
- 1.5 Order Book Article 17, *Driving Safety (2019)*.

2.0 POLICY:

- 2.1 Members shall be provided with an emergency vehicle operations course that includes classroom training and apparatus movement training prior to operating an emergency vehicle.
- 2.2 Emergency vehicle operations courses shall include instruction on the following:
 - 1. Personal responsibility,
 - 2. District of Columbia driving rules and regulations,
 - 3. Department driving policies,
 - 4. Vehicle use policies,
 - 5. Maintenance requirements,
 - 6. Maintenance requests,
 - 7. Accident reporting,
 - 8. Emergency response safety,
 - 9. Intersection safety and defensive driving,
 - 10. Emergency vehicle driving skills,
 - 11. Traffic incident management, and
 - 12. Pre-trip inspections.

- 2.3 Members who have had their driving privileges removed and/or had a break in service for more than one year must complete the Emergency Vehicle Driver Training program.
- 2.4 This policy does not include requirements for applying for or attaining the position of Technician.
- 2.5 The Emergency Vehicle Driver Training program shall be evaluated every three years.

3.0 DEFINITIONS:

- 3.1 Qualified Driver/Operator -- a member who successfully completed the Emergency Vehicle Driver Training program and has demonstrated operation of emergency vehicles in a safe and efficient manner.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 4.1 The Deputy Fire Chief of Training is responsible for overseeing the reviewing and updating of the Emergency Vehicle Driver Training program to ensure the safe operation of emergency vehicles, especially during emergency responses.
- 4.2 The Deputy Fire Chief of Training is responsible for ensuring that the Driver Training Officer is utilizing Department accepted policies when providing training to Department members.
- 4.3 The Deputy Fire Chief-Operations is responsible for ensuring that members under their command possess a valid driver's license and have successfully completed Department approved training prior to operating emergency vehicles.
- 4.4 The Battalion Fire Chief-Operations is responsible for ensuring that members under their command possess a valid driver's license and have successfully completed Department approved training prior to operating emergency vehicles.
- 4.5 The Battalion Fire Chief-Operations, in consultation with the Company Officer, shall approve members to operate emergency vehicles.
- 4.6 The Company Officer is responsible for maintaining a member's knowledge, skills, and abilities to safely operate emergency vehicles with ongoing training.
- 4.7 Members are responsible for maintaining current training requirements and safely operating emergency vehicles.